Lighting system in Trains

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Research and Standardisation Organisation (RDSO) located at Lucknow had recommended installation of three diesel generating sets including a standby to improve lighting system in trains and also to effect economy in the expenditure; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to implement the recommendations of RDSO?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes. Sir. R.D.S.O. had initially recommended use of 3 Diesel Generating sets in each Power Car. This has since been reviewed and only 2 diesel generating sets including standby requirements are now recommended. The Mid-on-Generation system using Diesel Generating sets is recommended not as a measure of economy but on considerations of operating conditions in different regions and services in certain trains.

Guwahati-Dibrugarh Line

2025. SHRI PRITHIBHI MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct broad gauge line from Guwahati to Dibrugarh and whether rupees one crore have been sanctioned for preliminary works; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) A preliminary Engineer-in-cum-Traffic Survey for extension of B.G. line from Gauhati to Dibrugarh connecting important towns of Assam is being carried out at an estimated cost of Rs. 50 lakhs, as a Deposit work of the North Eastern Council. The outlay provided in 1985-86 for this survey is Rs. 4.67 lakhs. Another survey for conversion of the existing M.G. section from Gauhati to Dibrugarh *via* Tinsukia into B.G. is also being carried out simultaneously. A decision about extension of the Broad Gauge line beyond Gauhati will be taken after both the Survey Reports have been received and scrutinized. in consultation with the Planning Commission, subject to availability of resources.

Selection of candidates by N. F. Railway Service Commission

2026. SHRI PRITHIBHI MAJHI: SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 790 candidates were selected by the N.F. Railway Service Commission against Employment Notice issued on the 1st July, 1983;

(b) whether all the candidates have been offered appointments in terms of the Railway Board letter No. (E) (NG) II-84/RSC/11 dated the 23rd February, 1984;

(c) whether the High Court of Guwahati directed the N.F. Railway administration to offer appointments to all the candidates;

(d) whether the direction has been carried out; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Against Employment Notice 1/182-83 published on 20/782. panels containing a total of 790 candidates were notified on 9-9-83 by the Railway Service Commission, Gauhati.

(b) No, Sir. On reports of alleged malpractices in the recruitment, the Vigilance organisation of the North-east Frontier Railway were asked to screen the panel, who, after going through the records, furnished to the Northeast Frontier Railway a revised panel of 433 candidates, which is now being operated by them.

(c) The High Court of Gauhati have held that the 357 candidates whose names were sereened out of the 790 candidates must be deemed to have continued in the list and to have never been deleted from the list.

(d) and (e) The implications of the judgement are under scrutiny.

Crash of an IAF plane in Srinagar

2027. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that an IAF fighter plane crashed at the old Srinagar airport recently; and

(b) whether any enquiry has been ordered?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Marketing of dangerous drugs in the country

2028. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to experts the consumption of drugs like Analgin, Novalgin and Baralgan and the various formulations containing Analgin which are freely marketed in the country are dangerous for health and could prove fatal; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for allowing marketing of these drugs in the country and action proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Analgin Dipyrone an activie ingredient of Baralgan and Novalgin is an analgesic-antipyretic drug. Analgin is currently being marketed in a number of developed countries. A detailed study of the adverse reaction of Analgin is being conducted by the Drug Epidemiology Unit of the Boston University. Drugs Consultative Committee and the Drugs Technical Advisory Board have recommended that the question of banning of drug may be considered after the results of the study are available.

Orders for ships to Cochin Shipyard

2029. SHRI C. HARIDAS: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Shipping Corporation of India ordered for 3 ships of 67,000 DWT to the Cochin Shipyard;

(b) whether it is also a fact that SCI later cancelled its orders; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) In February 1982 Shipping Corporation of India placed a letter of intent for construction of three panamax type bulk carriers of 67,000 DWT each on Cochin Shipyard Ltd. This was, however, after due deliberation cancelled by them in view of recessional market trend in shipping and limited utilisation of panamax type vessels of 67,000 DWT, which made their working unviable, in the national trade.